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Reveley talks future, fundraising with Flat Hat

Interim President says state likely to cut budget again, looks to create strategic plan

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat News Editor

When Interim College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley addressed the Board of Visitors during its April meeting, he classified the campus environment following former President Gene Nichol's February resignation as a "class triple-A psycho drama."

Now, just over six months since Nichol resigned, the campus is undeniably changed.

"One of the most reassuring things about the last six months — the six months between [Nichol's resignation on] February the 12th and now — has been how quickly and how meaningfully the various parts of the campus community came back together," Reveley said.

"There've been a lot of relationships where these ties of trust ... needed to be restored," he said. "And it's happened, more quickly and more completely than I expected."

BOV Rector Michael Powell '85 agreed.

"I think there is a positive sense of momentum," he wrote in an e-mail to The Flat Hat. "President Reveley has been simply remarkable in bringing the campus together and tackling our challenges."

The search for the next president, however, has not yet begun.

"It's looking much more unlikely that there will be a search process this year," Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins '09 said.

Hopkins said she is working to give a voice to students in the search process. She will serve on the search committee in her capacity as SA President.

Hopkins said she is especially concerned because she believes it is unlikely that students present during Nichol's resignation will still be undergraduates when a new president is chosen. She wants to give them a voice because those students have learned a good deal about the College presidency.

Reveley, who declined to discuss the search process or comment on how long it might take, hinted last week that he might seek the position permanently.

"[The presidency] evolved from being a pretty grim civic duty to pretty engaging challenge where I actually was having some fun," he said. "What that ultimately means, we shall see."

Hopkins said she could imagine

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ALL ABOUT CHEMISTRY



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

The Integrated Science Center, located between Millington Hall and Rogers Hall, houses the chemistry department, molecular biology labs and vivarium space for the biology department. The Flat Hat takes an in-depth look at the ISC with Chemistry department chair Gary Rice on page 3.

Golden named VP for Strategic Initiatives

By NICHOLE LIDSTROM
Flat Hat Staff Writer

When Jim Golden arrived at the College of William and Mary in 1999, he expected to work in the Office of Economic Development for a few years and then retire. Nine years later, he finds himself responsible for securing the College's financial future.



STEPHEN SALPICHAS — COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Golden

In May, Golden was named vice president for strategic initiatives. The new position combines Golden's previous work in technology, research and business partnerships in the Office of Economic Development with the former responsibilities of the vice president for public relations. The latter position was last held by Stewart Gamage '72, who recently left the College for a job at the University of Virginia.

"When [Interim College President Taylor] Reveley came on, he wanted to focus five years out on the important things facing the university, and financial issues were high on that list," Golden said. Reveley's appointment came shortly after the state announced a major budget deficit.

As his title suggests, Golden will be responsible for creating a financial strategy for the College, maximizing the university's budget, fundraising and economic development. In addition, he has administrative oversight of the offices of Government Relations, University Relations and Campus Publications.

With degrees from the United States Military Academy at West Point and Harvard University, the now-retired brigadier general served for 31 years in the

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Search for next president yet to begin

Reveley considering staying as head

By KEVIN LIPTAK
The Flat Hat

The search for former College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol's replacement has yet to begin, according to Board of Visitors Rector Michael Powell '85 and Interim College President Taylor Reveley.

Powell — who shares the duty of hiring a College president with the other members of the BOV — said that the hiring process is still in the early stages of planning.

"The board has not made any

final decisions regarding the presidential search," he said in an e-mail to The Flat Hat.

Powell did offer a suggestion as to the timing of the board's future actions.

"We are actively discussing next steps with the William and Mary community in preparation for our upcoming board meeting," he said. The BOV is scheduled to meet Sept. 25-26.

The Virginia Gazette published an article Saturday citing an anonymous

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2004-2005 search focused on five

By KEVIN LIPTAK
The Flat Hat

The College of William and Mary will be posting "help wanted" ads in the coming months as it searches for the 27th individual to hold the top post of president. But this job listing isn't like most others; a cover letter and a resume won't be enough.

Four years ago — the last time a presidential search took place — the process of filling the Brafferton took eight months, five candidate visits and a long series of public

forums.

When former College President Timothy Sullivan '66 announced his intent to retire in June 2004, the Board of Visitors faced a daunting challenge. Sullivan was a well-loved and visible presence on campus, and he left the College with enormous expectations for his replacement.

Keeping those expectations in mind, the board — which has the ultimate say in choosing College presidents — did not take the replacement process lightly. The

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NEWS ANALYSIS

City council election brought students issues forward

By NANCY BLANFORD
Flat Hat Staff Writer



NANCY BLANFORD — THE FLAT HAT

Gil Granger '57, Paul Freiling '83 and Matt Beato '09 talk during a debate in the Great Hall of the Wren Building April 10.

Earlier this year, incumbents Paul Freiling '83 and economics department chairman Clyde Haulman, as well as Judy Knudson, were elected to Williamsburg City Council.

The election marked a milestone, the first Williamsburg election to allow College students to vote without considerable barriers. Thus, for the first time, campaigns focused on issues such as public transportation, student-friendly businesses and student housing that are important to students at the College.

"The campaign last spring was ... the first time candidates were put in a position where they had to discuss issues of student con-

cern," Student Assembly Vice President Zach Pilchen '09 said.

Although about 1,400 College students were registered to vote in the May election, only 382 students voted, according to a Flat Hat estimate reported May 6.

Final exams and the start of summer may have contributed to the low turnout, which appeared to adversely affect the campaign of Matt Beato '09, who placed fifth out of the six candidates, behind former Williamsburg Mayor Gil Granger '57.

"I think if the election had been two weeks earlier, I would have won," Beato said. "My campaign underestimated the number of

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Tonight: Check FlatHatNews.com for coverage from Convocation, as well as breaking news 24/7.

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Corrections

In last Friday’s article, “Incoming class most diverse ever,” the 2012 acceptance rate was misreported. The correct number is 34 percent. The Flat Hat reported 33 percent, which did not include students admitted off the waitlist.

Weather

Friday



High 82°
Low 70°

Saturday



High 88°
Low 67°

Sunday



High 88°
Low 67°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“[The presidency] evolved from being a pretty grim civic duty to pretty engaging challenge where I actually was having some fun. What that ultimately means we shall see.”
— Interim President Taylor Reveley
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News in Brief

Sierra Club: College fails environmentally

The Sierra Club, a grassroots environmental organization, has listed the College of William and Mary as one of the five least environmentally friendly American universities. Interim College President Taylor Reveley’s refusal to sign the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment, which calls for universities to reduce global warming emissions, was a key reason for the title.

George Washington University, Howard University, Texas Tech University and Valdosta State also fail environmentally, according to the Sierra Club. Middlebury College, the University of Colorado — Boulder and the University of Vermont — Burlington are ranked as the most green schools.

Kaine gives shoot-out on Daily Show

Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine appeared on the Monday night edition of “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.” Kaine, who has supported Senator Barack Obama since Feb. 2007, spoke about the “intense” vetting process, the extensive evaluation of politicians who are being considered for the vice presidency, and even mentioned the College while explaining the conditions of his term as governor.

“I’ve got a gig until a year after the administration starts,” Kaine said. “Governor of Virginia — a one-term governor ... as you know [as] a William and Mary grad.”

The comment came just a few days after the governor visited the College. Kaine toured the new Integrated Science Center last Wednesday.

Swem suspends e-SWAT program

Swem library was forced to eliminate its e-SWAT services as a result of funding issues.

In the past, the library has employed several students to aid their classmates with library or technological questions. Since the minimum wage in Virginia has risen but the government has significantly cut the College’s funding, Swem can no longer afford to pay the e-SWAT employees.

“In what promises to be a very difficult budget year, we need to focus our student wages on essential library services,” Dean of Libraries Connie McCarthy wrote in an e-mail to employees.

The three e-SWAT employees will now work in Swem’s iPod service program as well as in basic reference and database assistance.

New Fellowship hopes to spur more honors projects

The College’s new Dintersmith Fellowship gave five of the College’s seniors early starts on their honors projects.

Ted Dintersmith ’74 founded the program to provide opportunities for students to begin their honors research the summer before their senior year. Each fellow, guided by faculty members, completes a 10 week summer research project that continues into his or her senior year and culminates with a thesis.

Director of the College’s Roy R. Charles Center Joel Schwartz said he hopes that the support the fellowship offers will increase the number of students conducting honors research. In recent years, nearly 10 percent of each graduating class participates in the honors program.

“Our goal is to attract as many of our strongest students as possible to do honors,” Schwartz. “Currently we are funding five students; our goal down the road is to increase this to 20 students.”

—by Maggie Reeb

BEYOND THE ‘BURG



PHOTO FROM — BRIGHTCOVE.TV
Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama speaking at the Democratic National Convention.

UIC releases controversial Obama papers

Notes detailing the Obama-Ayers connection made public by university

By MAGGIE REEB

Flat Hat Insight Editor

The silence in the library has been broken. Tuesday, the University of Illinois—Chicago released more than 1,000 documents, known as the Chicago Annenberg Challenge papers, relating to an allegedly radical group in which Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and Vietnam-era ex-radical William Ayers were involved.

Presumptive Republican presidential candidate John McCain suggested a connection between Obama and Ayers. That suggestion has turned the usually quiet library into a hub of press and pundit activity. According to the Associated Press, the papers from the Chicago Annenberg Challenge report only minimal interaction between Obama and Ayers.

UIC limited the documents’ availability to the media earlier this month. Since lifting the restriction, organizations across the nation are reviewing the papers, looking for any signs that Obama harbors radical opinions.

In 1969, Ayers co-founded the Weatherman Group, a violent, anti-capitalist split from the Students for a Democratic Society. Later that year, the group planted a bomb which destroyed a down-

town Chicago statue dedicated to police casualties during the 1886 Haymarket Riot. Though no one was killed, the federal government issued a warrant for Ayers’ arrest and he went into hiding. In 2001, Ayers released a “part fiction” book detailing the group’s involvement in several other non-fatal bombings in the 1970s. Though Ayers came out of hiding in 1980 and became successful in the world of academia, he remained unashamed of his past.

“Did we do something that was horrendous, awful?” Ayers told PBS in 2001 when questioned about his group’s anti-Vietnam War protests. “I don’t think so. I think what we did was to respond to a situation that was unconscionable.”

In the mid-’90s Ayers became instrumental in the conception of the Annenberg Challenge, a group sponsored by the Annenberg Foundation to improve Chicago schools. Obama served as a chair to the Challenge for a few years in the 1990s. The two attended meetings together from 1995-2001.

In response to the media’s interest in his relationship with Ayers, Obama pointed out that he was growing up in Hawaii during Ayers’ radical days.

“This is a guy who lives in my neighborhood,” Obama said in a debate earlier this year. “He’s not somebody who I exchange ideas from on a regular basis.”

STREET BEAT

What did you think about your first week of classes?



It’s great to be back to see everybody but I got to get more sleep so I don’t fall asleep in class.

Cory Larkin ’11



It’s really good to be back and I can’t wait to see what all the freshmen have to offer.

Elise Dennis ’09



I was really excited to get into Arabic.

Michelle Yuan ’12



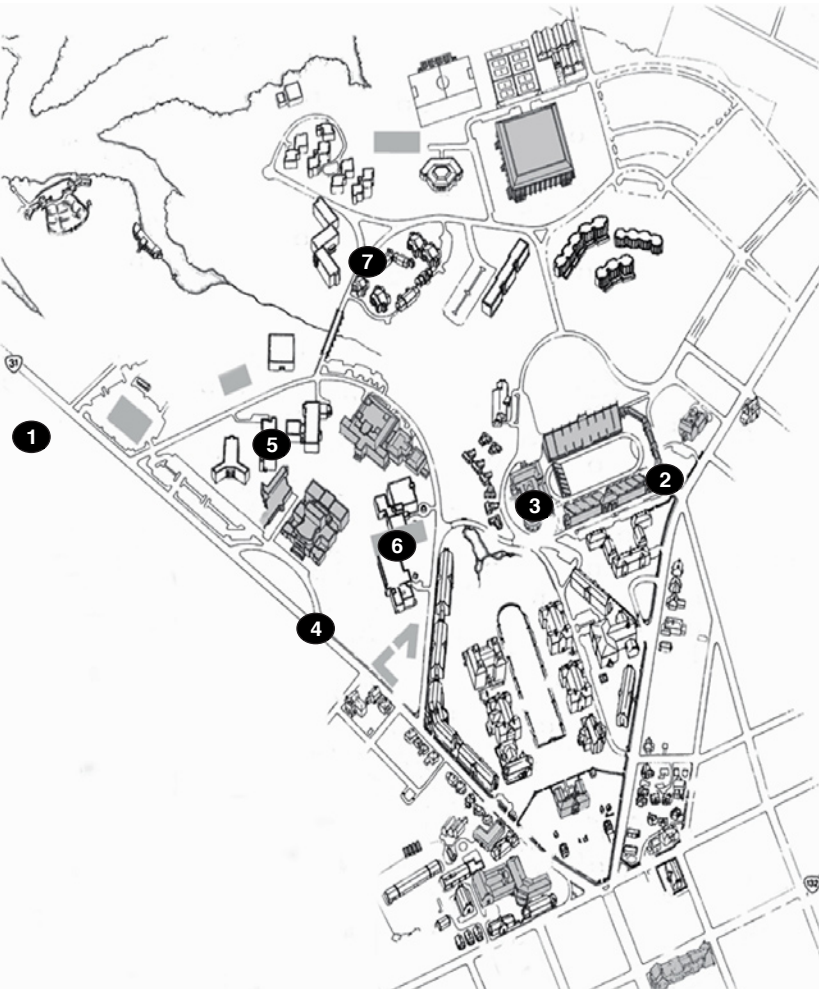
It’s nice now that the national controversies have calmed down.

Grace Sherman ’09

— photos and interviews by Matt Conroy

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

August 7 to August 25



Thursday, Aug. 7 — An individual reported that a Ludwell bus stop had been vandalized around 2 p.m. The estimated damage is \$150. 1

— An individual reported that a surfboard, iPod and fishing rod had been stolen from a building off of Stadium Drive. The estimated value of all three items is \$486. 2

Sunday, Aug. 17 — An individual was arrested for being drunk in public outside of the Sadler Center at 2:30 a.m. 3

Monday, Aug. 18 — An individual reported that a bicycle had been stolen from a bike rack close to Jamestown Road around 10 p.m. The bicycle’s estimated value is \$370. 4

Friday, Aug. 22 — An IBM notebook computer was stolen from the Gifted Education building on the William and Mary School of Education campus just before 2:30 p.m. The computer’s estimated value is \$550. 5

— A student reported a laptop stolen from the Integrated Science Building near Rogers Hall. The laptop’s estimated value is \$1,400. 6

Tuesday, Aug. 25 — A doorknob was reported vandalized in a building off of Ukrop Way at 11 a.m. The estimated damage is \$50. 7

— compiled by Maggie Reeb

By The Numbers

50,000

The estimated number of people, including politicians and media, that attended the Democratic National Convention according to the convention’s website.

17,200

The number of Denver hotel rooms, out of a total 40,000, reserved for participants in the DNC.

43

The miles of cable set up to support the DNC’s media system.

7

The number of weeks of round-the-clock construction on the Pepsi Center to prepare for the DNC.

100,000

The amount of paper, in sheets, that the DNC saved by putting the housing and registration process for participants online.

45

The amount of land, in acres, on which the Pepsi Center was built.

130

The number of foreign countries who sent media to cover the convention.

—by Maggie Reeb

College unveils new science center

Rogers Hall renovation next stage of project

By **ETHAN THEUERKAUF**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

After more than two years of construction, the Integrated Science Center opened to students of the College of William and Mary for the fall semester.

The building, which is nearly complete, houses the chemistry department as well as molecular biology labs and a vivarium for the biology department.

Chemistry chair Gary Rice gave The Flat Hat a tour of the new state-of-the-art building. He called it “the most complex building the College has ever undertaken [to build].”

The ISC boasts safety features that the aging Rogers Hall lacked. Such additions include fume hood alarms, liquid nitrogen sources on every floor to avoid dangerous transportation of the chemical throughout the building and an air circulation system on the fourth floor.

The ISC is also eco-friendly. Timed lights are used throughout the building, and drains are equipped with chemical neutralization systems so that harmful chemicals will not drain into the ground or nearby



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
[Above] The new organic chemistry lab, with state-of-the-art safety features and equipment. [Left] A Roto-vap, a chemistry device designed to evaporate solvent in a solution.

bodies of water.

Faculty research space has also been greatly expanded. In Rogers Hall, faculty members had between 300 and 500 square feet, but now each faculty member has access to around 900 square feet of laboratory space.

A variety of instrument rooms are located throughout the ISC, including rooms dedicated to the \$155,000 Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer and the laser system for spectroscopy ex-

periments.

According to Rice, much thought went into the arrangement of rooms and space in the ISC. Faculty offices are equipped with mini-conference tables.

Aesthetics were also a major component of the construction. One accent wall of research laboratories is painted yellow and one wall is painted blue in teaching labs. Glass cases with antique chemistry equipment also offer visitors and students a glimpse into the history of chemistry.

The completion of the ISC is only the first phase of what is to be a three-part renovation project. The second phase is the complete renovation of Rogers Hall, which is already underway, and the third phase of construction will link the science center to Rogers Hall along Landrum drive.

Steer Clear adds second van

New van to assist in additional routes, add off-campus pickup for students

By **ALEX McGRATH**
The Flat Hat

Steer Clear, a student-run service that provides free transportation around campus, will add a second van to help students of the College of William and Mary within a three-mile radius of campus on Friday and Saturday nights.

Over 1,500 passengers used the service last year. Of those, two-thirds were on-campus passengers, and one-third were driven to or from locations off-campus.

According to Steer Clear Director Will Sealy '09, one van will carry passengers around campus and the delis while the other will work off campus. He added that the second van will make the service more efficient.

Only one van will run Thursday nights.

Although Steer Clear's services start tonight, the second van will not be operational for about three weeks.

"We are working on getting a second cell phone, increasing the

staff to 45 drivers and co-pilots, and this process will lead to the second van," Sealy said.

Student Assembly Sen. Caroline Mullis '09, chair of the finance committee, said that this year the program will receive more funding through a bill passed by the SA at the end of last semester. This funding makes possible the use of a second van.

"There seemed to be such an overwhelming response last semester," she said. "They did a good job of demonstrating that there was demand for another van and that the presence of [Steer Clear] was important."

Sealy said that Steer Clear is currently recruiting drivers for the upcoming semester.

"Drivers need to be able to handle stressful situations and cooperate with campus police," Sealy said.

Steer Clear is available from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday and 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 757-221-3748.



Board to discuss next steps of search

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source "in contact with members of the Board of Visitors" who said Secretary of Defense Robert Gates '65 is currently the top contender.

Powell categorically denied the claim. "The story in the Gazette is completely inaccurate," he said. "They failed to get a comment from the board or the school. The board is in a consultation [and] discussion

phase and has made no decisions on when to start a search nor developed a list of candidates."

Reveley confirmed that the process has not yet begun. He was considered a top contender for the post during the last search, conducted in 2004 and 2005. Last week he told The Flat Hat that he hasn't ruled out another run.

Powell referred to Reveley as "an outstanding leader."

Dean of the School of Education Virginia McLaughlin '71 was another finalist from the previous search. She said she will not seek the position this time around.

"I will not be a candidate for the presidency," she said in an e-mail to The Flat Hat. "The College is in a different place right now. I find this a particularly exciting time to be dean of the School of Education."



BRIAN MAHONEY — THE FLAT HAT
Director of Steer Clear Will Sealy '09 stands in front of the program's van. A new van will allow more students to receive rides from the service.

Golden leaves office of Economic Development to assume new post

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U.S. Army. During that time, he served on the President's Council of Economic Advisors and headed the social sciences department and the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at West Point.

After retiring from the armed forces, Golden spent time in the corporate world before coming to the College. Golden said that he plans on bringing corporate business models to an academic setting.

"The corporate sector is ahead in terms of information collection," he said.

Golden has created opportunities for the College in the Tidewater area and in Williamsburg. Through his work at the Office of Economic Development, Golden helped facilitate many research and commercial opportunities between faculty and members of the private sector.

Golden is continuing his work with the William and Mary Real Estate Foundation, which is

currently planning future student retail and entertainment businesses near campus.

"The College has worked to get more student-focused business in Williamsburg," economics professor Robert Archibald said. "That is what Jim has already been doing."

Golden explained that cooperation with nearby businesses is crucial to furthering the College's financial goals.

"I think the future of the College is directly related to the economic environment around the College of William and Mary. We want to foster a diverse economy, more entry-level opportunities for graduates and internships for students," he said. "We need a stronger link between William and Mary and the city of Williamsburg."

More significant than area businesses is the budget situation facing Virginia and the College. Last year, the state cut the College's budget by \$2.7 million. In addition, Reveley said in an interview that more budget cuts were "coming almost certainly down the road."

"Its an important time for this position given the current state of the budget news in Richmond and the need for the College to develop a strategy for greater financial sustainability," College spokesman Brian Whitson said.

Golden will help conduct discussions with the state government in Richmond using the government relations responsibilities his position entails.

"There are no questions about it," Golden said. "At the state level, it is very clear that [the state legislature] has pressing economic challenges. The ability to sustain support of higher education is a challenge. The College is indebted to the state for function and operations ... The state is unlikely to contribute more than 20 percent on operating budget, and we must find a solution."

In the short-term, Golden has already suggested creating a more diverse source for the College's financial stability. This semester, Golden will be reviewing the College's budget and comparing it to the financial operations of peer

schools.

He hopes to use this information to create a permanent mechanism for the future financial functions of the College.

"In September [we will start] thinking systematically about the planning process," he said. "My goal is to put a continuous strategic planning process in place that becomes [the] normal way of how the College does its business."

Golden already has experience from his former university position working with College administration officials, businesses in the city and government agencies — relationships he will need in his new role. With so many diverse offices under his lead, Golden is using the best resources of each to find solutions for the College's financial challenges.

"This summer, I wanted to orient all of the offices, orient them to focus on the planning effort," he said. "The offices know a lot. I want to draw on their expertise and utilize the larger work force to work on long terms issues together."

City council working on economy

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students leaving campus early."

Over the summer, the council dealt with Williamsburg's weakening economy.

"So much of Williamsburg's revenue is meal and room taxes, and revenue is down substantially," Knudson said. "We have to consider not only our local economy, but the state and national economy as well."

Knudson mentioned concern about maintaining a good student-town relationship.

"We want to be as welcoming [to students] as possible ... and student housing on a whole is a priority," she said.

Student housing was the most contested issue in May's city

council debate in the Wren building, including the "three-person rule," which allows no more than three unrelated people to live in a house together, and noise violations.

During their campaigns, each elected council member specifically acknowledged flaws with the three-person rule, saying that there was room for improvement. Haulman and Knudson said they supported more exceptions to the rule; Frieling wanted to change the rule to include specific requirements for determining policy.

The council recognizes that the three-person rule is a major part of the town-gown relationship.

Public transportation and the

Williamsburg bus system are also large concerns for students. Recently, Williamsburg Area Transport has set up a group to analyze the current bus system, focusing on stops, schedules, and routes.

Students are eager for the arrival of student-friendly businesses. Freiling conveyed his support of student-friendly businesses during the Wren building debate.

"We're very interested in doing what we can to develop businesses to appeal to the young adult demographic," Freiling said in April. "If there's something we can do, we will do it."

Beato said changes in public transportation, student housing, and student-friendly businesses would mark the progress of those elected to council.

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COURTESY PHOTO ZACH PILCHEN - THE FLAT HAT
Pilchen with Washington, D.C. mayor and delegate Adrian Fenty

Pilchen visits Democratic Convention in Denver

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Student Assembly Vice President and President of the Virginia Young Democrats Zach Pilchen '09 got a taste of national politics this past week as a delegate to the Young Democrats Convention in Denver and as an observer at the Democratic National Convention.

In addition to representing the College of William and Mary's Young Democrats and the Virginia Young Democrats, Pilchen spent the week at the convention center and volunteered as an usher at Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's acceptance speech last night.

"It's been great to meet Young Democrats from across the country," Pilchen said yesterday in a phone interview from Denver.

"I've gotten to see everything." Pilchen described the set-up as a "theater-in-the-round" of gigantic proportions, fitting a candidacy that has been marked by an almost rock-star following, especially among college students.

"It's almost like being in Los Angeles, where you're on the street and just run into celebrities," Pilchen said. "Only now it's like, 'Check it out, there's Howard Dean.'"

Close contact with Democratic higher-ups gave Pilchen the chance to meet Washington, D.C. Mayor and Democratic Superdelegate Adrian Fenty.

The Virginia Young Democrats paid to have him flown out to Denver and obtained his floor credentials.

"It's only from the grace of knowing people that I got to come here," Pilchen said.

NEWS RECAP

Revisiting the search for a new president

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members established a presidential search committee in the summer of 2004, charged with finding candidates for the College's presidency. The committee was comprised of 22 members from every campus constituency, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, the Endowment Association and benefactors of the College. Then-BOV Rector Susan Magill '72 chaired the team. The committee and its staff were so large that office space in Blow Memorial Hall needed to be reserved to house them all.

The committee held meetings throughout the summer of 2004, establishing firm timetables for their search. One deadline was made clear: They wanted a new president by the spring of 2005. The College sought help from the Boston-based non-profit academic firm Isaacson, Miller.

As the fall 2004 semester began, the hunt for a new College president began to intensify. The search committee started soliciting input from the College's students, faculty and staff in public forums. Each campus demographic aired concerns and asked questions, and the committee relished the opportunity to hear feedback. Search committee member Ned Rice '05, told The Flat Hat on Sept. 17, 2004, that the forums were "a chance to tell everybody here what you want in a new president."

Along with search committee members, the forum featured two representatives from Isaacson, Miller who were looking to learn more about the College's student population.

In January 2005, the BOV revealed a list of five candidates it had selected as semifinalists. It was also announced that these five — four men and one woman — would visit campus in the following

weeks to participate in another round of public forums.

The candidates included then-dean of the University of North Carolina School of Law, Gene Nichol; current interim president of the College and then-dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Taylor Reveley; Virginia McLaughlin '71, dean of the College's School of Education; Union College's former president, Roger H. Hull; and a vice president of Tulane University, Lester A. Lefton.

Hull was the first to make an appearance at the College. His Feb. 19 visit was followed three days later by a session with McLaughlin.

The next candidate was Reveley, who took questions from students at a Feb. 21 forum, offering his take on the school's finances, diversity, traditions and reputation. Participants were generally impressed with Reveley, praising his familiarity with the College and its students.

"Dean Reveley has done wonderful things for the law school," Melissa Mott J.D. '07 told

The Flat Hat on Feb. 25, 2005. "He already knows what a great place [the College] is. He has a leg up on the competition in my mind."

Reveley's visit was followed by a visit from Nichol. His forum, like Reveley's, focused on issues of campus diversity, funding and College traditions. Again, the presidential contender was met with enthusiasm from student participants.

"I really liked Nichol," Noel Miller '08 told The Flat Hat in the same article as Mott. "He was very exciting, a very impressive speaker and would be a good advocate for the school."

Lefton, the final candidate, spoke with the campus community Feb. 28.

Confident that the candidates had been thoroughly sifted by every campus group, the search committee submitted its final recommendations to the BOV. The morning of March 14 — eight months after Timothy Sullivan announced his intention to retire — the board revealed its unanimous selection of Nichol as the College's 26th president.



FILE PHOTO - THE FLAT HAT
Students attend a forum during the search for a new president in the the 2004-2005 school year.

Reveley sets goals; discusses finance, diversity and leadership

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Reveley remaining president for several years.

"I think that he's made a commitment to the College," she said. "It would be strange to see him working so tremendously hard for what remained of last year and this year and then to stop."

Failing Finances

During the interview, Reveley discussed at length the College's finances.

"The state has been generous on the bricks-and-mortar front," he said. "The state has produced a lot of money to help us build buildings that we would not have been able to build if not for the state. The ISC complex is a good example." The state also provided funds late last semester for the new School of Education.

"State appropriations are welcome, but state funding is too unreliable to fuel our ambitions," Powell said.

Despite those funds, the College is still facing budget crunches.

"When it comes to the operating budget ... the state, it has become clear, will no longer be a really dominant element in support," Reveley said. "Before the cuts that are coming almost certainly down the

road, we had thought the state would provide about 18 percent of our operating budget this year. Eighteen percent is a lot of help, but it leaves 82 percent that has to come from private sources: from tuition and fees, from the yield on our endowment, from annual giving, from grants, from anywhere we can cage private money."

Reveley said the loss of funds is actually changing the College's fiscal strategy.

"We are moving from a financial model that was publicly supported and privately assisted to one that is privately supported and publicly assisted," he said. "The era of being state supported and privately assisted is over, is dead as a doornail, is never coming back, and ... we have no alternative but to figure out how to make an era of privately supported, publicly assisted work for this college in this town."

That change has prompted several new initiatives. First, Reveley is planning a follow-up to the recently finished Campaign for William and Mary, which raised \$500 million for the College.

"The rhythm of college and university campaigns is: You start one, you finish it, you start planning the next one — if you have your act together," he said. "It's relentless."

The campaign is still in early planning stages and will likely not begin for at least several years. Reveley declined to comment on the campaign's finan-

cial goal. Powell previously called for a billion-dollar campaign, but remained doubtful of Nichol's fundraising abilities.

The College also is actively developing a strong strategic initiative. In May, Jim Golden was named the vice president for Strategic Initiatives and will work to create a financial plan for the College and lobby Richmond for more funds.

Reveley's third initiative is to describe the College — a deceptively simple task.

"What is it, really, that is so important, so special about this particular institution?" he said. "[We are trying] to capture that in words and get that message out in ways that really resonate with alumni, resonate with politicians."

Increasing Diversity

When Reveley addressed the Class of 2012 last Friday, he was looking at the most diverse class ever — with 24.9 percent students of color. Increasing diversity was a major goal for Nichol, and the interim president is continuing that initiative.

According to Reveley, the best way to promote diversity is to increase need-based aid, especially the Gateway program, which increased grant allowances for low and middle income students.

"We're trying to raise a \$10 million endowment for

it, which is not, by any stretch of the imagination, a large enough amount for it, but it certainly beats the stew out of no endowment for it," Reveley said. He added that the school's current overall aid situation is "grossly inadequate."

Nichol founded the Gateway program; however, it became public that he had not secured funds for it beforehand, and was simply diverting money from other aid initiatives.

Like Father, Like Son

Reveley's father, W. Taylor Reveley II, served as the president of Hampden-Sydney College from 1963 to 1977.

"I learned an enormous amount from my dad. One important element is; if you're really going to throw yourself into it heart and soul, if you're really going to do a good job, you have to believe in the mission, you have to believe in the institution, you have to really care about the institution. And if you don't, find something else to do. And Daddy did care an enormous amount.

"And he was better at this than I; if you can get yourself to stop talking and to listen to what other people are saying, listen to what they're telling you, you are more likely to pursue wise policies and avoid falling into pits."

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STAFF EDITORIALS

The search must continue

This afternoon, Rhian Horgan '99 and Interim College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley will welcome students back to campus — a first for both of them. While this will no doubt offer a time to reflect on the excitement of a new year, we must also turn our thoughts to the school's leadership. The College lacks a permanent

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replacement for former College President Gene Nichol. The search for a new president has yet to begin. Reveley has suggested he might seek the position. That marks a change of tune from last spring. Moreover, Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins has mentioned that Reveley would be here “a while.” We hope that this talk of an extended stay will not delay or — worse — cancel the search process. Realistically, however, it seems the Board of Visitors

might not take action for some time. Regardless of its intent, that inaction comes across as a tacit endorsement of Reveley's presidency. To be sure, he could prove the right man for the job, but any search ought to first identify external candidates. Only in the end should it circle around to campus leaders — not vice versa. That Reveley occupied the top spot as the turmoil following Nichol's departure subsided shouldn't give him a free pass. It was the strength of the College community as a whole that healed the divide, not Reveley alone. The College's reputation ought to allow the search committee (when it forms) to cast a wide net. Last time around, two of the five finalists for the job came from within the ranks of current campus officials. While we understand that crafting a better process will require time, extended inaction will convert an interim presidency into a de facto presidency. The College community deserves some clear message of intent.

Orientation aids freshmen

Arriving at college marks the end of an era for most high schoolers. Parents unload the last boxes from the minivan and exit stage right, not to appear again until Thanksgiving, or at least Family Weekend. And then the enormity of it all sets in: This is college. What does that even mean? Luckily, the College's top-notch orientation program gives incoming freshmen the tools they need to make sense of it all. While many universities conduct orientation throughout the summer and then throw freshmen into the deep end when they arrive, the College's approach ensures a smooth transition. A good design, coupled with outstanding orientation aides, makes the program as useful as it is fun. The comprehensive approach allows freshmen to engage themselves both academically and socially from the day they arrive. Every year, candidates for the OA spots face stiff competition — a testament to their enthusiasm for the job and its popularity. At times, the schedule might seem exhausting, but all those mixers and hall events create a sense of unity that cannot be found in a randomly selected summer group.

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The Presidential Selection Committee Follows the Example of the Logo Selection Committee



By Olivia Walch, Flat Hat Cartoonist

College feels faltering economy

Cassie Powell

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Walking into the Wren chapel as a freshman on my way to the Great Hall to take my Honor Pledge, I could not help but notice the infamous Wren cross. It seems hard to realize that such a simple object in a chapel could cause so much controversy in the calm community I have entered — or cost so much. Last year, the controversy cost the College of William and Mary over \$15 million in donations. Though many would like to forget about the whole thing, that kind of loss is hard to overlook. Coupled with a drop in state funding, the College is having a hard time making up its loss. This year tuition rose 9.7 percent. The Daily Grind has increased prices to stay in business; according to owner Scott Owen, fuel costs are having the most affect. “If I hadn't charged more this year, I may not be in business,” he said.

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Even laundry costs rose by a quarter. The College is not the only community facing financial struggles; nearly everyone is, due to the suffering economy. The Virginia Department of Social Services reported a statewide increase of 6.8 percent in food stamp participation. According to MSNBC, the percentage of unemployed Americans has risen to 5.7 percent. Even President George W. Bush admitted in The New York Times that “jobs are growing at a slower pace.” Although many of us would like to explain the poor economy with the errors of the Bush Administration, they are not the only ones to blame. The fact is that after the golden age of the Clinton Administration, when our economy was in one of the best states we've experienced, there were few places for it to go but down. We at the College are feeling the effects of this economy. As students, we tend to think that the world is very separate from us, but right now the nation's financial situation is so bad that we are unable to ignore its effects on campus. Cassie Powell is a freshman at the College.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unintended correlation

To the Editor:
I picked up my favorite College of William and Mary news source today, The Flat Hat, and was entirely offended by the headline of the front page story by Anne Foster. The headline read “Incoming class most diverse ever,” while the sub headline included “SAT range drops slightly.” While I am sure that the copy editor meant no offense, the headlines seemed to imply that there was a correlation between racial diversity and a drop in SAT range. This seems especially absurd, considering that the range only fluctuated 10 points at the bottom. This is not a statistically significant difference. For people that only read the headlines or the lede, they will receive the wrong impression about this article. Besides this error, keep up the good work on an excellent school paper.
— Luke Merrell '11

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Stress on diversity divides freshman class

Katie Dixon

FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Diversity — perhaps no word is quite as overused during Freshman Orientation. Its definition covers a multitude of exciting opportunities at the College of William and Mary, from community and campus involvement to the relationships we can expect after immersing ourselves into college life. As an Orientation Aide, I saw a lot of ink and breath spent assuring new students that once they stepped onto campus, they immediately belonged — they had personal ownership of the College, one that would certainly grow with experience. As Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler promised new students: “Who comes here, belongs here.” If this is the case, new students are facing a barrage of contradictory ideas of ownership and inclusion, especially in relation to the word “diversity.” The idea of ownership also got a little interesting in relationship to diversity, as many of

the programs designed to include students in the community of the College forced them to acknowledge their individual and separate identities. Students were dissected in the name of diversity. The “Diversity in the William & Mary Community” session for new students required students to stand (granted, at their comfort level) for any number of multicultural, religious or other categories. No longer were they new students, sharing the common identities of confusion, nervousness and eagerness; they were now defined by their classmates as those who stand for their Judaism, their residence above the Mason-Dixon line or the fact that they knew someone who committed suicide. In this way, ownership at the College became contrived as students were forced to confront and label diversity. An exercise meant to include became an exercise in typifying new students, whether they stood up or not. The resistance to labeling a “typical” type of college student

Yes, embrace your differences and respect others, but don't be defined by them.

becomes an effort in futility, as new students begin to notice the same faces throughout the videos presented to them. I sat next to a freshman in one session who pointed out a student who was shown in literally every video representing the diversity of the student body. Upon repeated viewings this student did become the “typical” college student. The purpose of the “engaged” session for “Diversity in the William & Mary Community” was to fight stereotyping, citing a study that says people sum their peers up in seven seconds. By forcing students to stand to represent their respective identities, then using the same students in every video, we essentially created the “typical” college student. Students looked around and effectively summed up their peers by category. What started as an exercise in encouraging relationships actually encouraged stereotyping peers. Inevitably in small group discussions new students stay with their hall, and then the three people who stood up to show that they had family or friends who committed suicide would

remain known only as that to large groups of new students. Each new school year begins the same way for everyone — with fears of change, anxiety for classes and anticipation for the surprises of the year. The emphasis on diversity does not begin or end with Orientation, but it certainly shapes a new generation of views at the College. It is up to us how we treat each other, and it should be up to us how we relate to each other. We are the face of the College to one another, and we are the face of the College to the world. We define it. Our shared past can't be summed up by a nervous and wary stand, and it shouldn't be our defining moment. Yes, embrace your differences and respect others, but don't be defined by them. New students, diversity is a wonderful component of the College, and certainly has its ups and downs, but don't let yourself be limited by your ethnicity, your religion or your experiences. It can work both ways, and we shouldn't be known as a diverse campus by our pockets of multiculturalism. Katie Dixon is a senior at the College.

VARIETY

Making the freshmen transition



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
[Top] Orientation Aide Natty Montoya '11 discusses the Honor Code with the Fauquier Hall second floor after the academic seminar in PBK. [Bottom] A group of freshmen and their OA huddle on the Sunken Garden following a mixer.

OAs provide the tools for freshmen to more comfortably adjust to life at the College

By KASI KANGARLOO
Flat Hat Variety Editor

Fauquier hall freshmen and orientation aides crossed the Sunken Garden under blazing sunlight, already knee-deep in seminars on topics ranging from academics to sexual assault, anticipating yet another hall mixer. It's Saturday, Aug. 23, and the day is ripe for Freshman Orientation.

After mixing up the two girls' halls and dividing them into teams, Alex Pouille '11, an OA for Fauquier, prepped his team for the game of capture the flag that was about to ensue.

"Let's make friends, and work together, and win this for our team," Pouille said. "Can we find a way to be a distinctive team? Can we roll up our sleeves or have a code word or something?"

"Actually, yeah," Natty Montoya '11, another OA for Fauquier, said as he rolled up his shirt sleeves. "Let's work on our tans."

The freshman girls approached the center of the field, then continued to stand in bewilderment as they faced one another. Most people on the team had yet to even learn the names of their teammates, so there were a few minutes of hesitation before things picked up.

"The OAs kind of had to break the barrier," Dani Derringer '09, another OA for Fauquier, said after the game. The four OAs across the Garden would periodically break into a call-and-response chant — OAs would shout "Botetourt," followed by the freshmen response "is fresh" — as a way of motivating

the freshmen. OAs were usually the first to do anything, whether it was charging for the flag or pushing for a more creative strategy.

"We try to put [the freshmen] in situations where they're forced to talk," Montoya said. "I think because we were really excited about it, they sort of fed off of us."

Orientation weekend — which takes place each year on the five days before classes start — provides freshmen with the time they need to more comfortably transition to life at the College of William and Mary. Orientation aides provide them with the proper tools for that transition, whether it's tips for dealing with a sultry roommate or instructions for placing a work order.

Though Derringer and Montoya shared a desire to ease that transition, they each had different reasons for becoming OAs. While Montoya looked to recreate the friendly atmosphere provided by his own OAs when he was a freshman, Derringer hoped to bring something more to the table.

"My OAs did exactly what was asked of them, but for the job we're asked to do, that's not enough," Derringer said. "You have to go above and beyond what you're physically asked to do."

The training sessions for OAs involved everything from statistics concerning campus drug and alcohol use to meetings with dining services, where they were briefed on efforts to accommodate food allergies and to provide healthier meals. With each session, OAs were provided with an in-depth look at a

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CONFUSION CORNER

Cuisine aids cultural study

James Damon
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



"Sorry I'm late," a tardy friend explained to our language teacher. "I had the spicy diarrhea."

In America, my bowel movements never excused me from an exam or even a class. But as I learned from studying abroad in China, human excrement is granted more significance than civil liberties.

In class, we leaned forward to witness our teacher's response. It was only our first week in Shanghai and we were still naive to Chinese gastrointestinal culture.

"How does he know his diarrhea is spicy?" I asked a classmate. My classmate explained that maybe he meant something else entirely. This is a common frustration for a Chinese learner, who must regularly grapple with a language that takes on different meanings based on tone of voice. A person could say mother and might actually have meant to say Morocco or hemp necklace.

Whatever his intended meaning, surely our professor would grimace or at least giggle at the mention of spicy diarrhea. Our teacher was a tall wirey woman with black glasses and a double jointed elbow.

"You have spicy diarrhea?" she asked as her elbow stretched out of its joint, resembling a broken tree branch. After a moment's pause, she nodded knowingly and made a note in the Mickey Mouse binder in which she took attendance.

Chinese people have little faith in a foreigner's stomach. At dinner with my Chinese friends, it would not be uncommon for a special plate of mild food to be brought out just for me. If I wasn't given a special meal, my Chinese friends might coach me through a meal. At regular intervals they might remind me to have a glass of ice water or to slow down when eating the spicy dish.

Although I appreciated the interest that my Chinese friends took in my gastrointestinal well-being, I came to find them cloying. Once at dinner I became so irritated that I dipped my bowl into the hot pepper oil used to cook food. I drank the oily mixture and my friends watched in a combination of horror and amusement. Within moments my stomach erupted like a volcano, and, well, you can imagine what happened next.

The human stomach and all that it digests soon became a common topic of conversation

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TDX fraternity honored with national award

TDX wins national award for preserving core values, rituals

By ASHLEY MORGAN
Flat Hat Variety Editor

After spending months tirelessly concentrating on the rituals in their meetings, the dedication paid off for the brothers of Theta Delta Chi.

The chapter — or charge, as TDX members often refer to their university's fraternal division — at the College of William and Mary received recognition of their dedication to the ideals of the fraternity Aug. 9.

According to TDX president Tom Milteer '09, the award is the result of upholding the values and rituals of the brotherhood.

The winning fraternity must also honor Robert's Rules, the regulations of parliamentary procedure, in running meetings.

The charge received the award at its annual convention in Los

Angeles. This honor has only been given to two other charges, Iowa State University and University of Washington, in the past 15 years.

"We really weren't expecting it," Milteer said. "We were literally kind of floored. I was really surprised and really proud."

The fraternity did not submit an application of any of the necessary paperwork for any awards at the convention. All the members could say was that alumni and convention officials were present for a number of fraternity meetings prior to winning the award.

This is the first award in five years that the charge at the College has won. In 2003, it won the Victory Cup, the fraternity's highest honor, which indicated the most improved charge.

"Winning the President's Cup proved that we are just as strong — if not stronger — as the founding class was 5 years ago," TDX vice president David Hampton '10 said. "People have always thought of us as a different fraternity — an alternative fraternity. Now we can show people we don't just appeal to one group."

Simultaneously, positive changes

took place inside of the fraternity and with the individual brothers.

"Confidence is improved," Hampton said. "Everyone is

powered up and it was nice to have something to show off at Meet the Greeks. [It is] just an amazing way to start the year."



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
Brothers of Theta Delta Chi celebrate in their fraternity house. The TDX charge received the President's Cup Aug. 9th, for devotion to ritual and values.

CRITICAL CONDITION

Comic book-based blockbusters steal the spotlight

Beth Sutherland
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



Summer movies come in one size: big. Epic tales, loads of CGI, long-awaited sequels, huge stars and tremendous budgets combine to produce films for which the posters alone are enough to draw the masses. But in this season's storm of whip-wielding heroes and disco infernos, one of the most snubbed genres in the industry proves the real scene-stealer. Let's hear it for the comic book movie. It's true: Moviegoers this summer held out for a hero, and they've gotten several.

More than one critic has praised Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight" as a film that transcends genre. The Oscar buzz around Heath Ledger's ("Brokeback Mountain") performance alone confirms the seriousness with which the film has been received. With a script that treats the battle between comic heroes and villains

like epic poetry, "The Dark Knight" teases the psychological and philosophical underpinnings out of Detective Comics' darkest avatar. Gritty realism meets "biffs" and "pows." Nolan has deconstructed the myth very effectively. He's convinced 8-year-old boys and high-class journalists alike not only to accept, but to enjoy watching a mask-and-cape avenger duke it out with a clown.

With releases like "Spiderman," "X-Men," "Daredevil" and "Ghost Rider," Marvel Comics pulled ahead of DC in the film world over the past five years, and this summer began in a similar vein. Marvel kicked off the season with a bang, releasing "Iron Man." Robert Downey Jr.'s ("Charlie Bartlett") performance in this film shoots "Iron Man" to excellence. The movie offers a mature take on its title character, while the fleshed-out characters and terrorist imagery add enough realism to make Tony Stark's over-the-top world relatable.

It made for a nice change, as last summer's audience members seemed bored with "Superman Returns," and "Spiderman 3" was

just an embarrassment. Perhaps viewers really do appreciate the mere mortals. Bruce Wayne and Tony Stark have no special powers, yet both enjoy enormous appeal. Though one's a virtual stoic and the other's hilarious, both earned similarly high ratings on rottentomatoes.com. ("Dark Knight", 94 percent fresh; "Iron Man", 93 percent — beating both "Braveheart" and "Gladiator").

Attracting the Academy Award-nominated Guillermo del Toro as director, "Hellboy II: the Golden Army" (of Dark Horse Comics) enjoyed tremendous success as well. Will Smith's ("I Am Legend") "Hancock" capitalized on the superhero craze, deconstructing and reducing it to parodic form. The redo of the Hulk story also made its appearance, sporting one of the most cerebral stars in Hollywood: Edward Norton (The Illusionist). While "The Incredible Hulk" did not quite live up to expectations, it drew a great deal of viewers and continued the trend of presenting the hero in a more psychological

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Superheroes soar for summer blockbusters

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light. Finally, Timur Bekmambetov’s adaptation of Mark Millar’s “Wanted” comic books enjoyed great success as well (though whether or not this was due to Angelina Jolie’s bare bottom is up for debate). The film exploited the idea of an average Joe’s ability to unlock his or her inner hero. While it contained some clever motifs and great chase scenes, James McAvoy’s (“Atonement”) in-your-face narration quickly grew petulant (let’s not get into the unfortunate use of slo-mo). Despite its self-conscious gratuity, “Wanted” attracted large audiences and enthusiastic reviews.

Thank goodness for thought bubbles and superhero spandex, because summer ’08 offered little else in the way of movies. “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” proved the biggest disappointment. A tremendous amount of potential was squandered by shoddy construction, clichéd writing and poor acting. The greatest adventurer of all time, and his comeback is ... boring? Not quite as vexing was “The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor.” ‘Mummy 3’ offers just what you’d expect from its previews and nothing else. It entertains but possesses nothing of the evocative backstories and character witticisms of the first two. “The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian,” while better than these,

also proved somewhat dull. “Mamma Mia!” certainly showed its viewers a good time, though this was due mostly to ABBA’s greatness, not the poor singing and complimentary estrogen bath. “WALL-E,” while beautifully animated and full of heart, did not cloak its agenda or moderate its gloominess. It’s definitely a must-see, but it’s also depressing, cynical and didactic. “The Happening”—yet another dose of green propaganda — made viewers wonder once again if M. Night Shyamalan (“The Village”) really has lost it. “Journey to the Center of the Earth” was fun, but only in 3D, and “The X-Files: I Want to Believe” earned consistent scorn from critics.

This summer — fresh on the heels of such comic book-based movies as “300,” “Sin City,” “30 Days of Night,” “From Hell,” “V for Vendetta,” “The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen” and “History of Violence” — seems to have answered a growing respect for the graphic novel medium. And with such billboards now advertising “The Spirit” (based on Will Eisner’s trail-blazing series), “Watchmen” (the only graphic novel on Time Magazine’s 100 Most Important Novels list), and “Punisher: War Zone,” the future looks bright for our cape-and-cowled heroes.

Beth Sutherland is a Critical Condition columnist. She already has tickets for the next two summers’ worth of movies.



COURTESY PHOTO — MOVIEWEB.COM
The Joker (Heath Ledger), stars as Batman’s nemesis in this summer’s “The Dark Knight,” shown here holding a knife to Assistant District Attorney Rachel Dawes (Maggie Gyllenhal).

Food flavors foster learning

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for me and my friends. On a Friday afternoon we might talk about where to grab dinner. Instead of using taste to help us decide on a place to eat, we often would decide based on how the food settled in our stomachs.

“Should we go to the dumpling place down the road?” my friend asked me.

“I’d like to, but the food there made my stomach churn for hours,” I said “Could we go to the restaurant that sells spicy tofu instead?”

If we were in a loud place I might not be able to hear what my classmate said, but I already knew what her response would be.

“That restaurant gave me the Spicy Diarrhea,” she mouthed forlornly to me. More often than not we ended up grabbing burgers at McDonalds.

Three months was a long time to spend in a foreign country, especially one with a language so different from English. But as any language learner will know, learning a new language is about more than learning vocabulary and grammar. Language represents a new way of understanding and organizing the world. While I might have spent too much time speaking with other foreigners and eating Western food, at least I could talk about my bowel movements like a genuine Chinese person.

To visually represent what she called “the path to language harmony,” my language instructor drew a diagram on the blackboard. It was a picture of a crater from the profile view. My teacher explained that in order to feel comfortable in China we would have to first put ourselves in a number of uncomfortable situations. These uncomfortable situations were represented by the deep pit on the blackboard.

Only by eating Chinese food and interacting with Chinese people could we pull ourselves out from the pit of cultural despair. With one arm bent like a pretzel, my language teacher called on me for a suggestion on how to achieve language harmony. My stomach pounded as my body painfully recalled the spicy soup I had enjoyed for lunch.

“I have the Spicy Diarrhea,” I said. My teacher nodded her thin head approvingly as I walked to the bathroom beaming.

James Damon is a Confusion Corner columnist. His stomach is transitioning from Chinese food to the Caf’s cuisine.

THAT GUY

Will Eaton finds passion with each pursuit

By MELSIE McREYNOLDS
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

His yellow shirt still crisp after the long days and nights of orientation, Will Eaton makes a quick escape from the hustle of orientation’s final event before fall classes begin. Realizing just how incredible it has been for him, he sits, practically falling into his chair, ready to answer anything. As the final voices sound over the radio, Will, vice-chair of the 2008-2009 Undergraduate Honor Council, and orientation area director for Monroe hall, answers a few more requests, turns off his radio, and the reflecting begins.

As an orientation leader, you interacted a lot with freshmen. What was your favorite part of orientation?

I think the welcome session with all the students and all the parents together. President Reveley with his dry amazing-ness. It was the first time with everybody together. They got into it — the “William” and then the other side “Mary.” They had everyone chanting their year “2009!” “2010!” “2011!” “2012!” That was pretty cool seeing them all get excited, and they didn’t know it was historic for them.

When you came to the College, was there anything you thought you’d never do or achieve that you have at this point?

When I came to college, I remember sitting in the academic life session talking about research. I never thought that I’d do research because I wanted to go into business, and I heard about scientific research. When I started classes in the business school, I heard about the amazing research some of the faculty are doing.

I had never heard of students doing it, but this past summer I helped Professor Lindsey, a professor in the MBA program, with research, and that really opened new doors. That really has altered my path of what I want to do. Now I see myself really wanting to be in that classroom setting.

Who has inspired you to become so involved?

The community has gotten me to love what I’m doing. There were so many different influences; it wasn’t just



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any one person. When I started, I did something because it was something that I loved. I didn’t jump in and try and do everything first semester. I listened to that because that’s what they said during orientation. Do what you love.

I think that I get a lot of who I am from my dad; he’s in business, but he’s not in business as what it’s thought of today. He’s moved around to different places and has established himself in a company, but he knows the warehouse employees, not the manager. He got to know the people who load trucks, and regardless of if it will help him in the long run. He would get to know the individuals — not for a purpose, but to just purely hear their experiences. I’ve learned to just be open to experiencing and learning anything. I see a lot of what I do, the way I act, I got that from him. I loved being that way, and kept going and got involved with things that I love.

What would you want your last meal to be?

My last meal? That’s kind of sad. How about my last meal on campus? I would want that to be around 5:30 when there aren’t many people at the Caf., but then slowly everyone comes for dinner. The noise level slowly increases. My last bite would be a chocolate brownie warmed up in a bowl. Get some ice cream, a little peanut butter, and put that on the side, maybe some caramel, a little mixture of all three and a nice, rich, solid black coffee.

Speaking of dining halls, who’s your favorite dining hall employee?

Phyllis who used to make omelets at the UC. After having gone there pretty much everyday freshman, sophomore, junior year, I’d walk in and she’d know what I was going to get. For about four weeks, when I got to that point in the semester when I’d be running a little behind and having to go to the 8 a.m. class, I’d be there at 7:52. She caught on and at 7:50 had my omelet or scrambled eggs — made of egg beaters — ready to go in a to go container. That’s awesome, it maybe holds up the line to have that conversation, but it makes everybody’s day. It makes both of our days better.

What makes you angry?

A big thing that gets me angry, but still pushes me, is when people are rude just to be rude and when they are rude for a specific reason. If somebody’s just being rude to show off, it’s unnecessary to hurt that person. When they’re rude for a specific purpose, why is that the way that they have to address that problem that they have? Why does it have to come out in that way, that they would hurt that person. That makes me angry.

Two hours later, realizing it is his last first day of school at the College, Will heads home for a long nap. On our way out, he heads toward his car, offering me a carefree piggy back ride. I accept and after a fun few minutes, we part ways feeling like freshmen.

NOT TRICKS — ILLUSIONS



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This year’s Freshmen Orientation featured an illusionist, instead of a comedian, prior to the standard hypnotist act. Blindfolded with quarters taped over his eyes, the Illusionist was able to recite the name of an audience member’s ID card, as well as the serial number on a \$20 bill, both presented to him while on stage.

OAs pave way for freshmen

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variety of potential concerns for both students and parents.

Training sessions also included staged scenarios, where OAs were required to console distressed parents and students portrayed by actors.

“They throw you into these awful situations and you start freaking out, but that’s how you learn,” Pouille said. “You learn by freaking out.”

The more social aspects of orientation were coupled with programs intended to prepare freshmen for the difficulties of college life. Before the mixer in the Sunk-en Garden, the Fauquier group took a seat in the shade by Phi Beta Kappa Hall to discuss the morning’s academics seminar.

After reviewing the points of the seminar, which dealt with the gravity of the

honor code and the consequences of lying and cheating, the OAs went over a series of scenarios, one of which described a student who knows about her boyfriend’s plan to cheat on an exam.

“It’s not just between you and him,” Derringer said, after asking whether the hypothetical student should turn in her boyfriend. “It’s really the entire community that you have to stick up for.”

The rest of the seminars, which dealt with diversity at the College as well as sex and alcohol abuse, also focused on the communal importance of individual actions made by students.

“The information that’s given during talks like this is irreplaceable,” Derringer said afterwards. “I love the College. It’s the community that I’m supposed to be a part of, and I love sharing that with other people.”



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Dani Derringer ’11 leads her orientation group outside of PBK.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tribe falls to no. 9 Penn State in season

The College of William and Mary trailed no. 9 Penn State University 1-0 at halftime, but two quick Penn State goals less than five minutes into the second half buried the Tribe. Defensive breakdowns left Tribe goalkeeper Meghan Walker vulnerable, and the Nittany Lions pounced on the chances. A goal from senior forward Claire Zimmeck gave the College a boost in the 67th minute, but it wasn't enough to save the game.

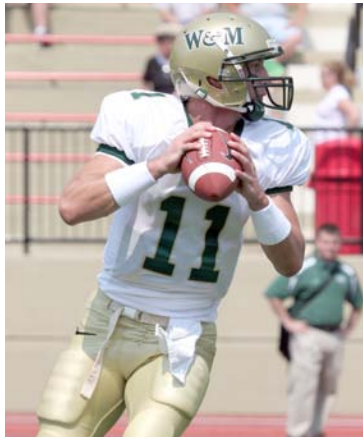


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Senior quarterback Jake Phillips

FOOTBALL

College showcases offense in intrasquad scrimmage

Wednesday night the Tribe conducted its second scrimmage of the preseason ahead of next Saturday's opener at North Carolina State University. Senior quarterback Jake Phillips turned in a standout offensive performance, passing and scrambling for four touchdowns highlighted by a 34-yard scoring strike to senior wideout Elliot Mack. True freshman tailback Jonathan Grimes also delivered an impressive effort totaling 29 yards on seven carries. On the other side of the ball, defensive ends junior CJ Herbert and sophomore Kyle O'Brien led a spirited effort with one sack each.

Marriner, Livingston out for season opener at N.C. State

After a season that rattled the College of William and Mary with injuries to key starters, the Tribe will enter the 2008 season opener with a triad of crucial players in less than perfect health. Senior tailback DeBrian Holmes is questionable for next Saturday's game, while his backup, sophomore tailback Courtland Marriner, has been ruled out with an injured left knee. Junior safety Robert Livingston will also not play in the opener due to a bad right knee. Both Marriner and Livingston are listed as week-to-week, so the Tribe will lack depth going into the season.

— By Andrew Pike and Matt Poms

SCHEDULE

Fri., Aug 29

FIELD HOCKEY

@ Virginia — Charlottesville, Va. — 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Syracuse* — 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

MARYLAND—BALTIMORE COUNTY — 7 p.m.

Sat., Aug 30

VOLLEYBALL

EASTERN MICHIGAN — 10:30 a.m.

APPALACHIAN STATE — 7 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

vs. Providence — Charlottesville, Va. — 2 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

UNC GREENSBORO — 7 p.m.

Sun., Aug 31

WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Washington State* — 11 a.m.

*Game played in Harrisonburg, Va.

MEN'S SOCCER 2008

Young, experienced Tribe ready for CAA

By CHRIS WEIDMAN
Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

A first round loss in the 2007 CAA Tournament cut short the College of William and Mary's season. Now the Tribe has higher expectations.

It's been six years since the College's last NCAA Tournament appearance and eight years since its most recent CAA title, but a roster mixing youth and experience, including eight of 11 returning starters from 2007, should allow the Tribe to build on last year's 9-9-3 season.

"I think, realistically, this year we could potentially challenge for a CAA championship," Head Coach Chris Norris said. "If we do what I think we are capable of, we could put ourselves in position for an NCAA bid."

The return of junior forward Andrew Hoxie — a 2006 All-CAA honoree who sat out due to personal reasons last season — should give the College additional firepower upfront.

"Andrew Hoxie is infinitely talented and I think has a career beyond college soccer," Norris said. "We think he could have a huge impact for us. At this point it is up to him to follow through on that."

Hoxie will join junior striker Price Thomas — a 2007 All-CAA player — on the attack, and the College will turn to them for offensive production.

Thomas tallied a point in seven consecutive games last season, finishing the year with a team-leading 17 points and seven goals. Hoxie, who scored 10 goals as a sophomore in 2006, will bolster a deep attacking front that includes sophomore Alan Koger and fifth-year senior Nathan Belcher. Koger, who recorded five goals and three assists as a freshman, earned a spot on the CAA All-Rookie team as a forward, but this season he'll most likely see time on the backline due to his strong play in the air.

In the midfield, the Tribe will turn to the steady play of

senior captain Doug McBride and the speed and youth of sophomore Nat Baako.

Last season's team MVP, McBride is not afraid to do the dirty work that comes with winning loose balls and organizing the field, while Baako's speed, agility and flashy footwork should give the College an offensive threat out of the midfield. Baako started all 21 games as a freshman and chipped in offensively with two assists.

"I feel like this is top to bottom the most talented group we have had in my five years here," Norris said. "In every position we have one — if not two players — who can do a great job for us."

One such player is sophomore goalkeeper and captain Andrew McAdams. In his first collegiate season he recorded eight shutouts, denied 85 percent of his opponents' shot attempts and joined Koger on the conference all-rookie squad.

Sophomore Nicholas Orozco, who started all 21 matches as a freshman, anchors the College's back line as the central defender, which Norris called the most demanding position. Junior Roger Bothe and returning starter sophomore Mike DiNuzzo join Orozco on defense. Meanwhile, sophomore Derek Buckley, freshman Andrew Mahan and Koger are battling for the fourth defender's spot.

"We return the majority of our team defensively, and that was definitely a strength for us last year," Norris said. "For us, the biggest challenge will be just trying to develop a winning mentality."

The Tribe opens its season against the University of North Carolina—Greensboro tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Albert-Daly Field.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore Alan Koger



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Junior Price Thomas



BY THE NUMBERS

2 Seniors on the 2008 roster

10th McAdams' national rank in save percentage

ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore Andrew McAdams

FIELD HOCKEY 2008

Early intensity sets tone for fall

By JACK LAMBERT
The Flat Hat

After six years without a postseason berth, the College of William and Mary returns to campus fervently hoping for a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Tribe Head Coach Peel Hawthorne and her 18 returning players enter the fall season with a desire to make amends for last year's 9-10 record.

"I think anyone who comes to our games would notice our intensity," Hawthorne said. "They would be able to see we want it badly. We want to win, we practice to win and we're willing to take it to the wire."

The Tribe will take it

to the wire' with many of the same players as last season. Senior forward Lauren Giles, junior midfielder Wesley Drew and sophomore midfielder Jenna Cinalli return to a Tribe attack that scored 37 goals last season — four more than its opponents.

On defense, senior Katie Broaddus, sophomore Maura Checchio and junior Courtney Farino return to a Tribe backline that allowed 33 goals and 116 shots on goal last year.

Giles, one of only three seniors on the team, says the team's familiarity with each other creates cohesion that will be a key strength for the Tribe this season.

"A difference from last year and this year is I really feel a connection with the team, and I think that's probably one of the most important things to do well as a team and get back to the NCAAs," said Giles.

The Tribe will face multiple challeng-

es on its road back to the NCAA tournament. The College has five preseason nationally ranked opponents on its schedule and must replace Gwen Hunter, a four-year starter at goalkeeper.

However, senior defender Kaitlin Johnson says the team's commitment to each other and their leave nothing approach will help them face up to those challenges.

"We give it our all; we never leave anything back. We play as one," Johnson said.

The Tribe faces its first test today when it takes on no. 11 University of Virginia at 2 p.m. in Charlottesville, Va. Last year the College fell 2-1 to the Cavaliers on the road.

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Junior midfielder Wesley Drew

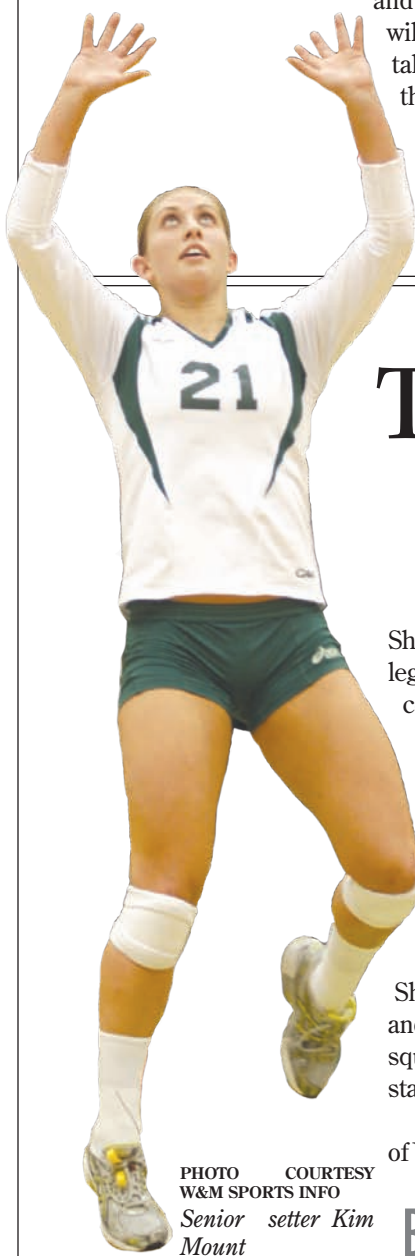


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W&M SPORTS INFO
Senior setter Kim Mount

By JACK POLLOCK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

This past January, Melissa Shelton '91 took over as the College of William and Mary's head coach, following in the footsteps of her former coach, Debbie Hill.

"I'm excited the job's been kept in the family," Shelton said in an interview with *The Flat Hat* in February. "I get to build on everything Deb has established, not change it."

She brings experience as a player and a coach to a mature Tribe squad, which returns all six of its starters from last season.

Shelton, who led the University of Virginia to a 235-179 record dur-

ing her 13-year coaching tenure, wants to use a more aggressive offensive strategy this season.

Her style will have the Tribe taking more risks, aiming for tight spots on the court, and looking for kills. In years past, the College has relied on steady defense.

"It's really about working on our offense and picking up our numbers there so we can get the 25 points we need to win faster than anyone else," Shelton said.

League coaches picked the College to take third this season in the 12-team CAA — a place higher than the Tribe's 2007 fourth-place finish. The College finished 14-15 (8-6) last year when it lost in the quarterfinals of the CAA Tournament.

Preseason All-CAA selection Kim Mount, a senior setter, leads the experienced Tribe squad. She averaged 11.72 assists per game last season and will be responsible for distributing the ball to a deep group of Tribe hitters including outside hitters junior Lauren Powell and sophomore Erin Skipper.

Powell and Skipper contributed over one-third of the Tribe's kills in 2007 with Skipper recording a team-high 326 kills. Senior Molly Bohman, sophomore Ginny Bray and junior Jillian Brown give the College more offensive options.

Bray had an impressive rookie season as middle blocker last year, earning a spot on the CAA All-Rookie Team and averaging 1.17 blocks per game.

"We are really working on our chemistry and making sure the setters and hitters connect, but with so many players back for another year we are really looking sharp heading into the season," Bray said.

The College opens its season this weekend, hosting the Tribe Invitational — a five-team round-robin tournament.

"Consistency will be the key to success in this tournament," Skipper said. "As long as we play our game, we can beat anyone."

The University of South Dakota, the University of Maryland—Baltimore County, Eastern Michigan University and Appalachian State University round out the field.

BY THE NUMBERS

6 starters returning 160 fans per home match .581 all-time win percentage